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CITY COUNCIL MEETS

Appoints Judges and Clerks for Annual Election to Be Held Monday, April 6.

The regular meeting of the City Council, postponed from Monday night on account of no quorum, was held Thursday night.

The street commissioner was instructed to notify all property owners in the city of Dallas to move their sidewalks and fences so as to correspond with the lines of the official plat of the city.

The following judges and clerks were chosen to serve in the city election Monday, April 6:

First ward—J. D. Smith, John Brown, Abel Uglow, judges; Deo Dunn, J. A. Lawrence, clerks.
Second ward—A. J. Martin, T. J. Hayter, S. W. Blessing, judges; W. A. Ayres, Will Tatam, clerks.
Third ward—Joe Black, James Howe, J. J. Wiseman, judges; Walter Muir, H. L. Crider, clerks.

MANY TEACHERS PRESENT

School Meeting at Lincoln Draws Large Crowd of Instructors, Parents and Children.

The school meeting held at Lincoln, Saturday was one of the best attended and most effective of this winter's series. Every school district in that section was well represented, and an exceptionally large crowd was in attendance.

The subject of "School Attendance" was taken up and discussed in a very practical manner by Miss Dora Wells and Mrs. W. D. Henry of the schools of Zena and Lincoln, and Mrs. Alderman spoke on "The Public Schools From a Mother's Viewpoint." J. C. Zinser, formerly school superintendent of Clackamas county, addressed the assembly on "Conditions in Our Schools That Should Be Improved," laying special stress on the lighting, ventilation and furnishing of our county school houses.

Superintendent Ackerman being unable to attend the meeting, his place was taken by C. L. Starr, secretary of the State Board of Regents, who spoke in a pointed and practical manner on subjects of general interest to the patrons of the public schools.

His address was followed by a short speech dealing with the progress and the aims of the Polk County School Children's Industrial Fair by Superintendent H. C. Seymour. Great interest and enthusiasm was manifested by all, and voluntary donations for the prize list of the next Annual Fair were made by many of those who were present at the meeting.

The people of that vicinity have shown great activity in the improvement of their local school system, and are making continual efforts for the advancement of educational affairs in their community. The Spring Valley district has just completed a new \$1200 schoolhouse, and preparations are being made for the erection of another at Lincoln at a cost of \$1,500.

Indorse Direct Primary.

"Resolved, That we favor the direct primary law, without change, unless it be to make it more effective in determining the will of the people." This resolution was adopted by the Yamhill republican county convention on Wednesday by a vote of 173 to 25, after an earnest, candid discussion, free, however, from any bitterness.—McMinnville Reporter.

Travis McDevitt, of Corvallis, spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McDevitt.

FIGHT OVER PLATFORM

Socialists Reject Report of Committee on Resolutions After Heated Argument.

In a meeting not altogether harmonious, the Socialists of Polk county decided last Saturday to place a county ticket in the field for the coming election. The nominating convention will be held in the Courthouse in Dallas on Saturday, April 11, at which time candidates for all county offices will be named.

Saturday's meeting was held for the purpose of arranging plans for conducting the campaign, and was presided over by James K. Sears, of McCoy. The attendance was not large, the Socialists present being mostly residents of Dallas and Falls City. The meeting was not characterized by that harmony that one would naturally expect to prevail in a gathering of idealists, and more than one delegate went home vowing vengeance on the leaders who had thwarted some of his pet plans and ambitions.

The principal wrangle occurred over the resolutions prepared and submitted by the platform committee, which was headed by Dr. T. V. B. Embree, sometime chief apostle of the Middle-of-the-Road Populists in Polk county. Dr. Embree's resolutions were strongly disapproved by Chairman Sears, and after a lengthy and somewhat heated discussion, were voted down, notwithstanding the recommendation of the platform committee that they be adopted. In their place, Chairman Sears offered a resolution which met the approval of a majority of the delegates. The report of the platform committee, which was turned down, is as follows:

We, the Socialists of Polk County, declare:

We favor direct legislation; election of all officers by the people; the right of recall.

The placing of the necessities of life on the free list, import duties to be laid upon luxuries and for revenue only.

The repeal by Congress of all laws creating Federal Courts.

Public utilities to be owned by the public and operated for the benefit of the public.

We favor an eight-hour law for labor.

We believe in the right of labor to organize for mutual protection.

We believe in the right of free speech, a free press and a free ballot.

We favor equal suffrage for both sexes.

We indorse the National Socialist platform.

We favor putting out a full county and state ticket.

We invite all parties to investigate and study Socialism.

T. V. B. Embree, W. L. Barnhart, J. W. Miller, Committee.

The following resolution, introduced by Dr. Embree, was also defeated:

"Resolved that we, the Socialists of Polk county, believe in the principle of electing United States Senators by a direct vote of the people, and that we pledge each other that we will not vote for any candidate for the Legislature who will not pledge himself to vote for the people's choice as expressed at the polls, first and last."

"Resolved further that we will use all honorable and legitimate means to defeat any candidate for the Legislature who is opposed to Statement No. 1 and who shall attempt to explain its meaning as an "idle pledge" which can be construed differently from its true letter and spirit."

"Be it further resolved that we ask all Socialists of the state of Oregon to unite with us in upholding the Primary election law, which gives the voters of Oregon the nearest approach of electing a Senator by a direct vote of the people of any state in the Union."

Chairman Sears' resolution, which was adopted over the protest of Dr. Embree and his followers, indorses the State and National platforms of the Socialist party; calls for the nomination of a ticket for the coming election, and denounces the Penrose postal law as a menace to the freedom of speech and of the press, and as an effort to prevent the education of the people on subjects of vital interest.

Give Good Open Program.

The joint open meeting of the two literary societies of Dallas College, held in the chapel last night, was very well attended and greatly appreciated by all of the friends and patrons of the college who were present. The literary portion of the program, consisting of essays, orations and original stories, was of an especially high order of excellence, and showed great care in its preparation. A piano duet by Professor Caldwell and Miss Edith Yates, and a mixed quartette were among the noteworthy musical features of the entertainment and the "Utopian Chorus" sung by the girls at the close of the program was exceptionally fine. A reading by Alphas Boyd, the society paper by Miss Ada Osfield and burlesque music by the famous "Highlanders' Orchestra" of the Philadelphia Society, added the humorous touches that served to make the entertainment a complete success.

Judge Dan P. Stouffer is able to be about once more, after an illness of nearly three weeks' duration. Although his eyesight is somewhat impaired at present, his health is improving rapidly and he hopes that he will soon be able to see as well as before his illness.

STATE ORATORS AT MONMOUTH

Seven Leading Schools of Oregon Will Be Guests of State Normal Next Friday Evening.

Active preparation is being made at Monmouth for the State Oratorical Contest to be held in the Normal chapel on Friday evening, March 13. The seven leading educational institutions of Oregon will be represented. There will be present eight delegates from each institution, one member of the executive committee and one member of the faculty. This will be in addition to the usual student contingent, and as the spirit of oratory has grown apace with the increase in attendance in these schools in the last eight years, this contest promises to be the best that has ever been held in the state. The plan now is for McMinnville, Pacific University and Pacific College to bring a special train, and an attendance of from 300 to 400 students is expected. The several institutions will be represented by the following students and subjects:

McMinnville—"The Trend of the Hour," Joseph G. Richardson.

Pacific University—"National Stability," W. E. Gwynn.

Oregon Agricultural College—"A Nation's Need," E. E. Culloway.

Oregon State Normal—"A Prophetic Record," Mrs. C. A. Bryant.

Willamette University—"The Twentieth Century State," Clarke R. Belknap.

Pacific College—"Training for Intelligent Citizenship," Harry Maxfield.

University of Oregon—"Meroy That Condemns," Bert W. Prescott.

Albany College will not be represented this year, by reason of the illness of her representative. Good music will be furnished by the Faculty quartet, the Normal girls' glee club, and an orchestra of 15 pieces. Ample time will be given for the enjoyment of the orchestra before the program of orations begins. It is needless to say that college enthusiasm will be much in evidence with the yells and songs incident to such occasions.

A banquet will be served in the evening, immediately after the contest, and covers will be laid for 150 guests. The orchestra will supply music during the banquet. Monmouth, as well as Polk county, will welcome these guests with open doors and warm hearts.

Program at Colosseum Rink.

Skating every afternoon and evening Thursday nights given up to club skaters. Fine show consisting of moving pictures and illustrated songs given with a complete change of program every Wednesday and Saturday night. Admission, skaters, 25 cents, spectators 10 cents.

The initiation exercises of the Dallas Woodman lodge, which were postponed from last Tuesday night on account of the other attractions at that time, will be held tonight. Seven new candidates will be initiated, and it is anticipated that delegations from the Independence, Monmouth, Falls City and Ballston camps will be present and assist in the work. A fine banquet will be served at the close of the exercises.

C. H. Gardner, of Toledo, has filed his petition for nomination on the Republican ticket for Representative of Polk and Lincoln counties. He makes no declaration on the senatorial question.

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WILL BORE FOR OIL

Work on Whiteaker Farm East of Dallas Will Be Resumed by D. M. Watson.

B. F. Whiteaker, a prominent farmer residing near Monmouth, was in Dallas, Saturday morning. Mr. Whiteaker has just completed a contract by which he hopes to secure the oil which he is confident exists in paying quantities on his land.

A portion of the land has been leased to D. M. Watson, of Portland, a man of years of experience in that line of work. Mr. Watson has contracted to begin sinking the first well within eight days, and to have it completed within four months after its beginning. From that time his lease is to continue for 10 years, or during the time in which oil in paying quantities is secured from the various wells. Mr. Whiteaker is to receive a liberal royalty from the profits of the industry.

The contour of the land in that place and the texture of the soil is claimed by many who are competent judges to be strikingly similar to that of the oil fields of Pennsylvania and other oil states, and many encouraging evidences of the presence of a considerable quantity of oil have been found.

It will be remembered by many that a well was commenced at that place about four years ago. The enterprise was financed by local capital and the well was sunk to a considerable depth before the project was finally abandoned. The work had been placed in the hands of inexperienced workmen, and when the drilling had progressed to a considerable depth, water was allowed to get into the well through an unfortunate mistake, and the labor of several months was ruined.

Mr. Whiteaker did not give up his conviction that oil existed in paying quantities upon his property, how-

ever, and he is confident of the ultimate success of the present project. Before the well that had been drilled four years ago was so unfortunately made valueless, the signs of the presence of oil were so many and so evident, that there is great probability that the proposed well, sunk under the supervision of experts will achieve the success that was denied before.

On account of sickness among the members of the Dallas team, the basketball game between the local aggregation and the Multnomah Athletic Club, which was scheduled for Saturday, March 14, has been postponed. Carl Fenton is recovering rapidly from an attack of the mumps, and it is thought that he will be able to take his place as usual in the game on March 21. The challenge, recently received from the Snohomish team has been accepted, and dates will be arranged as soon as the schedule in the Oregon League has been finished.

The spur track running along the loading dock at the Willamette Valley sawmill has been extended so as to accommodate the increasing number of cars left there each day to be loaded with lumber and slab wood. An average of five car loads of slab wood is loaded at that mill daily, aside from the long trains of cars which are loaded to their full capacity with lumber.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hanson, of Nebraska, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Hanson's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William Kersey. They have come only recently from an extended stay in Los Angeles, and will go from this city to Seattle, after which they will return to their home state.

The Rev. E. E. McVicker, of Lafayette, spent Sunday in Dallas, going on to Sodaville yesterday, where he will hold a series of meetings.

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